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In re Application of
Shahram Tousi, et. al.
Application No. 09/560,341
Filed: April 28, 2000
Attorney Docket No. 8409-000030

ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed December 9, 2002, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

It is not apparent whether the person signing the statement of unintentional delay was in a position to have firsthand or direct knowledge of the facts and circumstances of the delay at issue. Nevertheless, such statement is being treated as having been made as the result of a reasonable inquiry into the facts and circumstances of such delay. See 37 CFR 10.18(b) and Changes to Patent Practice and Procedure; Final Rule Notice, 62 Fed. Reg. 53131, 53178 (October 10, 1997), 1203 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 63, 103 (October 21, 1997). In the event that such an inquiry has not been made, petitioner must make such an inquiry. If such inquiry results in the discovery that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b) was intentional, petitioner must notify the Office.

An extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136 must be filed prior to the expiration of the maximum extendable period for reply. See In re Application of S., 8 USPQ2d 1630, 1631 (Comm'r Pats. 1988). Accordingly, since the \$1960.00 extension of time submitted with the petition on December 9, 2002 was subsequent to the maximum extendable period for reply, this fee is unnecessary and will be credited to petitioner's deposit account.

The application is being forwarded to Technology Center 3600 for further processing.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Andrea Smith at (703) 308-6711.

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